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### L U N C H E O N

WEDNESDAY, March 22 --- Rosoff's, 43rd & Broadway

Cocktails at Noon --- Luncheon at 12:30 PM sharp

\$2.00 -- Tip and Tax Included --- \$2.50 for Guests

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### THE VOICE OF AMERICA IN THE COLD WAR

by

FOY D. KOHLER

Director of the Voice of America

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Of all the nation's peace weapons, none is better known to foreign countries than the Voice of America. Alternately praised as democracy's spokesman abroad and damned as a political propaganda machine, the "Voice" today is one of the State Department's most powerful forces for world peace.

And its new (since 1949) director, Foy Kohler, holds a highly important and strategic post. Kohler is a veteran foreign service officer. After joining the service in 1931, Kohler served in Bucharest, Belgrade, Athens, Cairo and London. In 1945 he was political and liaison officer at the United Nations founding meeting in San Francisco. Until 1948 he was on the staff of the American Ambassador to Moscow, initially as first secretary and later as minister plenipotentiary. Wednesday he takes OPC members behind the scenes of the Voice of America in an exciting, exclusive speech.



## O F F I C I A L

Board of Governors Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Tuesday, March 21, 8:30 PM  
 Television Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Wednesday, March 22, 5:45 PM

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The Club has just been advised of the establishment of a "George Polk Memorial Award" by the Long Island University Journalism Department. Announcement of its 1949 award to Kingsbury Smith of INS has just been made. If there is any confusion over the existence of two George Polk Memorial Awards, the Club wishes to state that there is no connection between the two and that the OPC George Polk Memorial Award was established prior to that presented by Long Island University.

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At its final meeting on March 10, the 1950 Dinner Committee, approved a unanimous vote of gratitude and thanks to Chairman LOUIS P. LOCHNER and to Club Secretary Janice Griffiths for their efforts in promoting a pleasant and successful dinner. It was also announced that 216 members of the Club were present at the March 3 Waldorf Astoria dinner, representing the largest number of members attending any annual Club dinner.

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The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:

## Active:

JACK NEWMAN (8115th Serv. Det. Mil Gov't, APO 331, San Francisco)  
 ROSA HARVAN (260 West 71st Street, New York, N.Y.)  
 ARTHUR DOAK BARNETT, Institute of World Affairs (522 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.)  
 GEORGE FRANCIS HICKS, National Broadcasting Co. (71-13 34 Avenue, Jackson Heights, N.Y.)  
 SANTINO R. SOZIO, All-American Newsreel (18 East 48th Street, New York, N.Y.)  
 ALLEN CHELLAS, Newsweek (152 East 42nd Street, New York, N.Y.)  
 ELLISEVA SAYERS (222 East 40th Street, New York, N.Y.)  
 JULIET BRIDGMAN (Brandt & Brandt, 101 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y.)  
 LUTHER CONANT, JR., Grey Advertising Agency (166 West 32nd Street, New York, N.Y.)  
 HENRY R. LIEBERMAN, New York Times (229 West 43rd Street, New York, N.Y.)

## Associate:

IRWIN SHAW (349 West 22nd Street, New York, N.Y.)

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THERE ARE SOME 700 MEMBERS in the Overseas Press Club, many of whom have almost never been mentioned by name in The Bulletin. Won't you help us cover the Club's entire membership by jotting down a note or two on the enclosed postal card? Or, if you are in New York, telephone Club Headquarters, LO. 4-0174, and give your item to Associate Editor Daniel Gruender.

## In transatlantic travel the feature story is American Flagships!

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# AMERICAN AIRLINES





A RESOLUTION PRAISING THE OPC for its successful action in halting the suspension of press camps in Germany has just been received from the American Press Club in Vienna. Although the Club reports no such moves are under way in Austria, it hails the OPC's action in safeguarding rights of colleagues stationed in Germany...

AN "HONORABLE MENTION" in Editor & Publisher's 11th Annual News Photo Contest was awarded last week to BERT BRANDT of Acme Newspictures. His picture, titled "I Knew You Could Do It, Pop", showed Joe DiMaggio walking back to his dressing room with his 8-year-old son, Joe, Jr., after the Yankee victory over the Dodgers in the final 1949 World Series game...

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MBS commentator BILL CUNNINGHAM is still receiving mail about his broadcast, a month ago, about publicity on the Bergman-Rossellini affair...Just back from a four-month trip to Japan, Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore, Siam, India, Pakistan, Lebanon, Egypt, Israel and Europe is ADRIENNE MOORE DOUGLASS, who covered those countries for Editors Press Service...

Former Boston Globe war correspondent MARTIN SHERIDAN appeared on ABC's "Gentlemen of the Press" show at 8:30, Tuesday, March 14, to tell of his 38-day submarine war patrol -- the only one made by a correspondent..."Seeds of Treason", the story of the Hiss-Chambers case, by VICTOR LASKY and Ralph de Toledano, is off the presses April 7...

BOTH THE STATE DEPARTMENT and Negro Digest have picked up RUTH KARPFF's recent Collier's piece, "Village of All Mankind." She and George Barrett will shortly have a No. 2 article in Collier's -- on a scrappy, international-minded congressman who's bringing the world into the Midwest...STORK NEWS: the ROBERT LUBARS are happy over the birth on March 4 of a son, John Victor. BOB's the Time correspondent in Bombay...

THREE MONTHS AGO, before taking off for Europe, Mutual Broadcasting's CECIL BROWN promised to lecture before a West Coast group. He had to alter his schedule later because of delays in Europe, but refused to cancel the date. So, next Monday, he will fly to Los Angeles for one single lecture appearance rather than break his promise. Next day: back to New York. ...HAL LEHRMAN flew to fabled Erzerum and the Soviet-Turkish frontier for his eye-witness report on Turkey's new streamlined, American-trained armed forces which hit Fortune in March... Presbyterian Life for March 18 carries a piece about Mrs. Underwood, murdered last year by Korean Communists, by GERALDINE FITCH who spent the past two years in Korea as representative of the New Leader and Religious News Service. Another FITCH article, on Dr. Alice Appenzeller, first white child born in Korea, appears in the May World Outlook...

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## PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS



MORGAN BEATTY of NBC this week was designated winner of the Alfred E. Du Pont Commentator Award for "aggressive, consistently excellent and accurate gathering and reporting of the news, and the presentation of expert, informed and reliable interpretation of news and opinions..."

AFTER WINDING UP his leave here, following four years as New York Times correspondent in the Far East, DICK JOHNSTON has joined the paper's city staff. During the war DICK covered the 8th and 9th U.S. Air Forces, as well as the Seventh, Ninth and Third American Armies... JOHN A. MOROSO of AP recently made a cruise to Puerto Rico aboard what he describes as "the 'Luckless Ludlow', a destroyer that had slept too long."...

RED FACE DEPARTMENT: The Bulletin's Acting Editor blushes to report the following recent errata. First, the name of EDWARD R. MURROW was inadvertently omitted from the list of winners of the Overseas Press Club Annual Awards (March 11). Then MERRILL (RED) MUELLER, London director for NBC, corrects a Bulletin editorial (March 4) which stated no American troops were in Britain. "The Air Force has a heavy bombardment group here on each of three British air bases", RED writes, "and that includes several thousand gee eyes and officers. The Navy has its European headquarters here as well." Apologies to our readers and to the Air Force and Navy.

xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx The reverse of the mirror will be applied to contemporary Americans  
x WITH THE OPC ON TV x when three foreign correspondents here appear before the OPC's tele-  
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx vision cameras next Sunday. Stephano Zotos, novelist and New York  
correspondent for Embros of Athens; K. Balaraman, US correspondent for  
The Hindu of Madras, India; and Barbara Fisher-Williams, London Daily Telegraph UN correspond-  
ent and for six years US correspondent, will discuss the topic, "How Do Foreign Correspondents  
in America See Us?" (WCBS-TV, Channel 2, Sunday, March 19, 5-5:30 PM).

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#### BOOK LIST

Books received recently by the Overseas Press Club Library include the following:

"Seeds of Treason" by VICTOR LASKY and Ralph de Toledano, published for Newsweek by Funk & Wagnalls Co.

"Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep" by Ludwig Bemelmans, published by the New American Library

"How to Know Wild Flowers" by Alfred Stefferud, published by the New American Library

"Laughter in the Dark" by Vladimir Nabokov, published by the New American Library

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A WAR BETWEEN THE HEMISPHERES was the subject of a fantasy column HAL BOYLE wrote March 2 which caused only slightly less excitement than Orson Welles' man-from-Mars broadcast several years ago. Seems HAL described a war which was started by nothing more than the coincidental fall of two meteors in East and West. The AP Log described it as "a stark essay on the extremes of tragedy to which mankind's fears can lead." Then came the response. The St. Louis Star-Times set up a 6-column display in 10-point type, illustrated with staff cartoons. Wired the Lima (Ohio) News: "If BOYLE's column today isn't Pulitzer Prize, then demand recount." The Clinton (Iowa) Herald used it as a lead editorial. Meanwhile, fan mail poured in, as well as requests for copies and reprint rights. NBC used the column in its news broadcast, and HAL appeared with JOHN DALY over Newsweek's television show. Finally, the column was reprinted in the Congressional Record. Quite a "record" for one day's output!

A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT with Chinese Nationalist troops will take NORMAN PAIGE of ABC on a flying trip to Formosa on April 18. From there he'll make a circuit through the Far East, returning to New York via Europe in late June... NOIA LUXFORD will shortly start a new lecture series...

THE FEBRUARY-MARCH ISSUE OF The Newscaster, an INS publication for radio men handling news, carries a piece on Washington's Radio Correspondents Association in which its president, ELMER DAVIS of ABC, receives a nice plug...

MARGARET PARTON, New York Herald Tribune foreign correspondent, last week received the 1949 prize-story award of the New York Newspaper Women's Club for her article, "India's Untouchables", in the foreign correspondence category. The piece was published in the NYHT on May 11.

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MAE CRAIG, Washington correspondent of the Portland (Maine) Herald-News, was a guest on the "Meet the Press" broadcast from Washington on Friday, March 17. Moderator of the show is LAWRENCE SPIVAK, publisher of the American Mercury.

RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., Acting Editor  
Daniel Gruender, Associate Editor

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